

Funding Action Team

Meeting Notes
October 21, 2004

Attendance B. Blaesing, J. Canham, A. Clover, A. Cooper, A. Frobom, M. Frierson, T. Petko, C. Thompson, E. Timpf, C. Van Deusen S. Maynard.

Meeting Overview Theresa opened discussion. Brian Blaesing introduced Carolyn Thompson, Road Commission for Oakland County.

Meeting Notes Myron Frierson gave an update on the MDOT Budget, which was signed on September 30.

MITA and Michigan Chamber of Commerce are embarking on a two-year effort asking contractors and their membership for support to move forward in advocating for a gas tax increase. Articles were published in Detroit News and Detroit Free Press. Theresa received a survey through Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, which is the same survey MITA is also distributing.

The SEMCOG Innovative Finance Conference on October 11 was well attended.

- Carmine Palombo reviewed status of federal aid, impacts of earmarks on local units of government, transit agencies, etc.
- Jim Whitty, Oregon DOT, discussed pilot study where taxes would be collected on a mileage basis.
- Shirley Waibarra, Fairfax, Virginia, spoke about public private partnerships, highlighting examples throughout the country where private organizations have partnered with the public sector to set up transit facilities.
- Brian Blaesing presented the Oakland County Businesses for Better Roads (BBR).

Director Jeff's presentation at the August 25, State Transportation Commission meeting may be viewed at the following website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MDOT_STC_8_25_05_reauthorization_135136_7.pdf

A summary of activities of the Funding Action Team over the last year will be presented to the State Transportation Commission in Final Report format in 2006. Theresa asked for volunteers to develop outline and summary.

Myron Frierson and Alan Cooper volunteered to work with Theresa; meeting will be scheduled.

Funding Action Team meeting on November 18 will be cancelled.

State Transportation Commission Workshop on Warranties is scheduled after the Commission meeting on October 17; the public is welcome.

Action Items

- Review issues with committee members to determine if members want to remain on committee for 2006
 - Final Report
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**Next Meeting
Date**

Friday, December 16, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing